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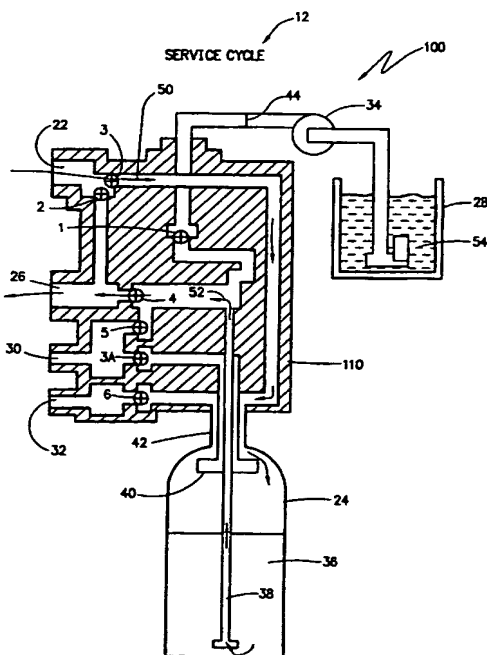
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(57) Abstract: The present invention generally relates to the removal of certain salts, such as those of calcium or magnesium, from water. More particularly, the present invention is directed to a method for efficiently softening water containing certain ions in a manner which limits the volume amount of undesirable waste that is sent to municipality waste treatment systems. Additionally, the present invention includes a water softening apparatus (100) and system (200) useable in small domestic water softeners and existing water and drainage lines.

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